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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OF CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES.

#### For Mayor.

To the people of Punta Gorda: Mr. Robert L. Earnest is hereby announced as a candidate for mayor of Punta Gorda at the ensuing election to be held on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1902. Mr. Earnest is not a member of any clique or clan, but is in favor of law and order; he is a young man of sterling qualities and of a progressive mind, and, if elected, which he will be, he will render such service to the town as will meet the approval of all good citizens. MANY VOTERS.

#### For Marshal.

The many friends of J. H. Bowman announce him as a candidate for reelection for marshal of the town of Punta Gorda at the coming election to be held on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1902. Mr. Bowman needs no introduction to the people of the town, as his past record as marshal speaks for itself. MANY VOTERS.

Criticism of the DeSoto News is called "abuse" by that paper.

The Tampa Tribune is not keeping up with the procession; it is lagging.

The Eustis Lake Region is a clean newspaper and the matter it contains is admirably selected.

We are going to have an Oven in the legislature, but no Bacon. Good-bye or Rice to take in it.

Editor McCreary of the Gainesville Sun is saying awful things about his local contemporary of the News.

Editor R. E. Tomlin of the Lakeland News was married in Piedmont, Ala., Oct. 26, to Miss Mary Glover, a belle of that place. THE HERALD sincerely congratulates him and wishes him and his bride health, wealth and happiness.

Straub's "horrible thought" cartoon in last week's St. Petersburg Times is indelibly comical. The candidates are pictured with a look of disgust and consternation on their faces that is funny enough to shake the State with laughter.

Tuesday's elections throughout the country had the usual results, the Democratic states went Democratic and the Republican states went Republican. The Democrats gained a few congressmen. The general effect will be to promote Democratic harmony, which is better than carrying New York this year.

Palatka Times-Herald: One thing certain, Gov. W. B. Jennings will be in the race for the senate two years hence. That he will prove a formidable opponent to Messrs. Taliaferro and Stockton there can be no denying, for he has the backing of some of the most influential men in the State.

Braidentown Journal: A citizen of Punta Gorda has lately become very enthusiastic over the matter of power to be derived from artesian wells, claiming that an 8 inch well 410 feet deep will develop 35-horse power. The idea is not a new one on the East coast, as parties over there have been utilizing artesian well power for several years.

HE'S A BACHELOR, TOO. There has been an unusual attendance of ladies at each session of the house this year. This is what comes of the newspapers printing pictures of the Hon. John T. Boffellett, Atlanta Journal.

That will be the condition of affairs in Tallahassee next year, if General Glicker is elected speaker of the house.—Ocala Banner.

PUNTA GORDA HIGH SCHOOL. Report for the week ending Oct. 31, 1902.

First grade department—Enrollment 70, average attendance, 58. Second grade department—Enrollment 44, average attendance, 38.4. Third grade department—Enrollment 40, average attendance, 34.3. Fourth grade department—Enrollment 28, average attendance, 19.2. Fifth and Sixth grade department—Enrollment 32, average attendance 27.

High School department—Enrollment 20, average attendance, 17.2. General average attendance, 194.55. Total Enrollment, 229. M. H. SMITH, Principal.

## THE ELECTION IN THIS COUNTY.

The election Tuesday passed off quietly throughout the county and resulted in victory for all the nominees of the July primary. The vote polled was larger than was expected, a fact that was doubtless caused by contests in two commissioners' districts and the candidacy for the legislature of "Uncle" Sol Phillips. Desperate and despicable efforts were made to defeat A. C. Freeman for county commissioner for this district, but all lovers of truth, justice and political decency will be glad to know that the abominable means failed in their object and Mr. Freeman triumphed by a good majority.

A forged circular purporting to have been issued, signed and sent out by Freeman announcing his withdrawal from the race and asking his friends to support his competitor, Mr. Ware, was distributed at several of the precincts on Tuesday and had the effect of deceiving many voters; otherwise, Freeman's majority would have been considerably larger. In addition to this, it is stated on apparently good authority that a forged (or fraudulent) telegram bearing Freeman's name and stating that he was out of the race, was exhibited at Bowling Green on election day and cost him a number of votes.

Needless to say, Mr. Freeman had nothing to do with either the circulars or the telegram; they were ardent, miserable forgeries, a piece of political rascality that should send the perpetrators to jail. And it should be said that neither Mr. Freeman nor his intimate friends here believe that Mr. Ware had anything to do with this despicable trickery. On the contrary, they acquit him of any knowledge or responsibility in the matter. We all believe that Mr. Ware conducted his campaign in an honorable manner, but he is evidently cursed with some fool friends who have no sense of political honor.

The total vote cast in Punta Gorda precinct was over 200, but, owing to irregularities, a dozen or more ballots were thrown out, thereby cutting the legal vote down to 193. The vote in detail follows:

For congressman—Sparkman 127; supreme judge—Hooker 117; secretary of state—Crawford 117; comptroller—Croom 116; railroad commissioners—Browns 111, Burr 92. For representative—Glicker 150, Phillips 13; assessor—Cooper 140; collector—Southernland 137; treasurer—Parker 125; member of school board—Cyrus Jones 93, Whidden 106, Carr 93; county commissioners—Bostick 89, Larsen 102, Freeman 153, Ware 18, Langford 92, King 93, Gill 93.

For the amendments 21, against 10. Returns from all the precincts of the county had not been received when THE HERALD went to press, but enough have come in to show that Freeman's majority is 75 to 100. Throughout the State, the election was very quiet. No contest caused a light vote, the total polled being estimated at 39,000.

## PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

The officers elect of Virginia Lodge No. 36, and Star of Hope, I. A. of G. S. and D. of S., will be publicly installed in the colored Masonic hall on Monday evening, November 10. Doors open at 8 o'clock, services begin at 8:30.

The installation will be by Chas. B. and Cecilia Simon, district deputy and associate.

A short, but interesting program will be rendered, after which refreshments will be served for the benefit of the Star of Hope juvenile class No. 9.

Come and see the ceremonies and sign our pledge.

N. H. HAINES, W. C.,  
BERTHA PRATT, P. D.,  
DANIEL H. DWIGHT, R. S.

## AN UNQUIET SPIRIT.

The Mysterious Light That For Years Haunted Cape Noir.

For many years on Cape Noir, the western point of Maria, a strange light was seen, dancing and moving about in the most unaccountable manner. At one moment it would rise like a column of fire into the air, and at another time it would fall like a meteor. Then it would seem to leap over the point and drop into the sea, afterward appearing again in the same spot on the opposite shore. The habitants tell this story about it:

In the time of the war for the possession of Canada a French vessel, pursued by an English warship, steered its course into the bay at this point for refuge. A boat was lowered from the side of the richly laden merchantman, and in this thirteen men swiftly rowed to the shore. Their object was to secrete a chest of gold which they had brought with them. On reaching the point they drew lots to see which of the men should remain to guard the treasure. The one to whom the lot fell was forced to swear a solemn oath, by land and sea, by night and day, by the ruler of the nether world, that he would be faithful to the trust through life, unless relieved by his returning comrades, and even after death would haunt the spot should no one come to take his place, says a writer in the Era.

To secure the fulfillment of this vow his wicked associates then and there put him to death and buried him with the treasure. The ghostly light which they supposed to be the spirit of the murdered man, and many persons who, tempted by the hope of recovering the treasure, ventured into the haunted spot, died in terror and told blood-curdling stories of the horrible phantasies and frightful sights which they had witnessed. The light is seen no longer. Perhaps some adventure bolder than the rest succeeded in discovering the gold, carried it off and thus gave rest to the unquiet spirit.

## JAPANESE REGALIA.

Royal Emblems Without Which the Emperor Could Not Rule.

The Japanese royal emblems consist of a copper mirror, symbol of knowledge; a steel sword, symbolizing courage; and a sacred jewel, representing mercy. The story of their origin was told thus by a Japanese official: The sun goddess became angry with the earth and withdrew into a cave, plunging everything into darkness. The other deities could not induce her to come out, so began to make a noise as of great rejoicing, which aroused the curiosity of the sun goddess. She finally came to the mouth of the cave to learn the cause of the uproar and was told that they had found a more beautiful goddess than herself. The sun goddess came out then, demanding to see her rival, and the crafty deities held the mirror before her, which drove all her suikness away.

The sword was taken by Susano, the brother of the sun goddess, from the tail of an eight headed serpent that had been annually devouring a beautiful girl. Susano placed eight great tubs of wine in his way and when he was sleeping killed him and took the sword as a trophy.

The sword is kept in an apartment near the Imperial bedchamber and called the Room of the Sword.

The jewels have also a room to themselves, and the mirror is in charge of a priestess. The regalia have the highest significance in the eyes of the people, and it is held that no emperor can possibly rule without the three virtues which they represent. He must, moreover, hold the actual tokens, and in the Imperial code it is enjoined that on the death of the sovereign his heir must take possession of them.

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## DIVORCE NOTICE.

In the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for DeSoto County.—In Chancery. Nettie Castle vs. William H. Castle—Bill for Divorce.

To the said William H. Castle: You are hereby notified that the complainant, Nettie Castle, has filed her bill of complaint against you in the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for DeSoto County, on this the fourth day of November, A. D. 1902.

Now, unless you shall personally be and appear before said court on the first Monday in January, the same being the rule day of the said month, and plead answer or demur to the said bill, the same and the matters and things therein stated, will be taken as confessed, and a decree pro confesso entered against you according to the prayer thereof.

(SEAL) H. E. CARLTON,

Clerk of the said court.

M. L. WILLIAMS,

Solicitor for the complainant.

A true copy of the original filed in this office on this the fourth day of Nov. A. D. 1902.

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